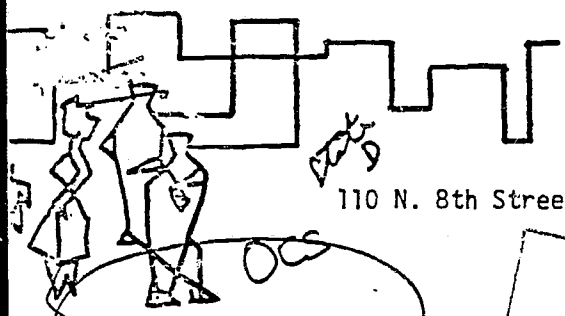

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President Jimmy Carter
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear President Carter:

I am deeply concerned with the recent incident in Guyana. I am concerned that it was a tragic waste of human lives. But I am also concerned that our government bears the consequences of all the whims and frivolities in which some of our people are involved.

I understand there are from one to three million people in the United States involved in cults of various kinds. Can there not be some sort of regulatory authority that could prevent these organizations from becoming so strong?

The news reports revealed that many social security and welfare checks were found among the assets of the Jones group. Does our tax money have to be spent to support people in these movements?

I also see that U. S. military personnel, our planes, and helicopters are being dispatched to the area to return the victims and survivors to the United States. These people left this country of their own free will in the first place. Why should we be concerned about their return?

There has never been a doubt in my mind that we enjoy a distinct and envious privilege of being able to live in the greatest country in the world. I appreciate this privilege very much. I feel that everyone who enjoys this way of life should get involved and lend their support. But I also feel that those who by their own choice associate themselves with organizations that are contrary to our way of life and subsequently leave our country, leave behind any obligation the United States has for their care or support.

Again I appreciate the opportunity to live in a nation that affords me the opportunity to express myself on public matters and would appreciate any comments you might offer.

Sincerely yours,

Creston Brazzil
Mayor

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TO: PRESIDENT CARTER

FROM: CRESTON BRAZZIL, MAYOR, GATESVILLE, TX 76526

SUBJECT: U.S. ASSISTANCE IN RETURNING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF GUYANA INCIDENT.

RESPONSE:

CLOSED OUT:

BY DIRECTION OF THE PRESIDENT:

PAMELA ZINN

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CORRESPONDENCE